Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 16, 2008, there were 499,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2008, an increase of 3,800 from January 2008 and 7,300 more than the number employed in February 2007.

Agricultural employment was 37,000 persons in February 2008, up 700 from January 2008 but 4,000 less than the February 2007 agricultural employment level of 41,000. Non-agricultural employment was 462,800 persons in February 2008. This is an increase of 3,100 from the January 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 459,700 and 11,300 more than February 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2008 was 4.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the January 2008 rate of 4.5 percent but 0.1 percentage points higher than the February 2007 level of 4.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 3,100 to 522,400 persons in February 2008 from 519,300 persons in January 2008. This is 8,100 more than the February 2007 labour force of 514,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 68.7 percent in February 2008 from 68.3 percent in January 2008. The February 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 22,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2008. This is a decrease of 700 from January 2008 but is 800 more than the number unemployed in February 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 509,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2008, up 3,300 from the January 2008 level of 505,700 and is up 6,600 from the February 2007 employment level of 502,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2008 was 4.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the January 2008 rate of 3.9 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the February 2007 rate of 4.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 99,700 persons in February 2008 to 16,810,500 persons from 16,710,800 persons in January 2008. In February 2007, there were 16,439,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 6.1 percent from the January 2008 level of 6.3 percent. In February 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.8 percent in February 2008. This is unchanged from January 2008 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the February 2007 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February 2008	January 2008	February 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,908.6	17,834.0	17,574.8	74.6	333.8
Employed ('000)	16,810.5	16,710.8	16,439.5	99.7	371.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,561.9	13,502.5	13,217.1	59.4	344.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,248.5	3,208.4	3,222.4	40.1	26.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,098.2	1,123.2	1,135.3	-25.0	-37.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.3	6.5	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.7	66.5	0.2	0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	522.4	519.3	514.3	3.1	8.1
Employed ('000)	499.8	496.0	492.5	3.8	7.3
Full-Time ('000)	401.0	399.4	387.7	1.6	13.3
Part-Time ('000)	98.8	96.6	104.8	2.2	-6.0
Unemployed ('000)	22.6	23.3	21.8	-0.7	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.5	4.2	-0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	3.9	4.0	0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.3	68.8	0.4	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	2,048.1	2,043.4	1,987.9	4.7	60.2
Employed ('000)	1,973.6	1,970.6	1,916.7	3.0	56.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,635.1	1,638.6	1,595.9	-3.5	39.2
Part-Time ('000)	338.6	332.1	320.8	6.5	17.8
Unemployed ('000)	74.5	72.8	71.2	1.7	3.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	73.7	73.4	0.1	0.4
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Labour Force ('000)	621.4	617.2	610.9	4.2	10.5
Employed ('000)	593.3	591.7	582.6	1.6	10.7
Full-Time ('000)	475.5	475.4	463.0	0.1	12.5
Part-Time ('000)	117.8	116.2	119.6	1.6	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	28.1	25.5	28.3	2.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.1	4.6	0.4	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	3.8	4.3	0.4	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.3	68.3	0.4	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2008	January 2008	February 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	522.4	519.3	514.3	3.1	8.1
Male	282.7	280.7	275.2	2.0	7.5
Female	239.7	238.6	239.1	1.1	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	94.6	93.8	96.1	0.8	-1.5
25+ Years of age	427.8	425.5	418.3	2.3	9.5
EMPLOYED ('000)	499.8	496.0	492.5	3.8	7.3
Male	269.7	266.3	261.8	3.4	7.9
Female	230.1	229.6	230.7	0.5	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	88.8	87.0	88.4	1.8	0.4
25+ Years of age	411.0	409.0	404.2	2.0	6.8
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	22.6	23.3	21.8	-0.7	0.8
Male	13.0	14.3	13.5	-1.3	-0.5
Female	9.6	8.9	8.4	0.7	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	5.8	6.8	7.7	-1.0	-1.9
25+ Years of age	16.8	16.5	14.1	0.3	2.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.3	4.5	4.2	-0.2	0.1
Male	4.6	5.1	4.9	-0.5	-0.3
Female	4.0	3.7	3.5	0.3	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	6.1	7.2	8.0	-1.1	-1.9
25+ Years of age	3.9	3.9	3.4	0.0	0.5
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.7	68.3	68.8	0.4	-0.1
Male	75.3	74.9	74.7	0.4	0.6
Female	62.2	62.0	63.1	0.2	-0.9
15-24 Years of Age	68.1	67.6	70.0	0.5	-1.9
25+ Years of age	68.8	68.5	68.6	0.3	0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	February 2008	January 2008	February 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	37.0	36.3	41.0	0.7	-4.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.2	25.1	23.6	0.1	1.6
Utilities	4.8	4.9	3.4	-0.1	1.4
Construction	31.2	32.7	26.9	-1.5	4.3
Manufacturing	30.2	30.6	28.3	-0.4	1.9
Trade	83.2	83.8	84.1	-0.6	-0.9
Transportation and Warehousing	26.7	25.6	24.4	1.1	2.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.3	26.9	26.1	-0.6	0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.6	18.6	19.7	1.0	-0.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.8	10.2	10.1	0.6	0.7
Educational Services	40.5	40.2	42.2	0.3	-1.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	60.8	59.2	62.4	1.6	-1.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.8	21.5	17.8	-1.7	2.0
Accommodation and Food Services	33.2	30.5	31.4	2.7	1.8
Other Services	22.8	22.6	24.9	0.2	-2.1
Public Administration	27.7	27.5	26.4	0.2	1.3
Total	499.8	496.0	492.5	3.8	7.3
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	401.0	399.4	387.7	1.6	13.3
Part-Time	98.8	96.6	104.8	2.2	-6.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	409.9	408.0	400.6	1.9	9.3
Public Sector	124.8	123.6	121.4	1.2	3.4
Private Sector	285.2	284.4	279.2	0.8	6.0
Self-Employed	89.8	88.0	91.9	1.8	-2.1

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2008	January 2008	February 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,810.5	16,710.8	16,439.5	99.7	371.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	207.8	206.5	203.0	1.3	4.8
Prince Edward Island	65.6	65.2	64.8	0.4	0.8
Nova Scotia	432.2	436.8	433.6	-4.6	-1.4
New Brunswick	353.8	350.1	344.7	3.7	9.1
Quebec	3,813.6	3,785.9	3,720.3	27.7	93.3
Ontario	6,595.7	6,533.8	6,460.0	61.9	135.7
Manitoba	593.3	591.7	582.6	1.6	10.7
Saskatchewan	499.8	496.0	492.5	3.8	7.3
Alberta	1,973.6	1,970.6	1,916.7	3.0	56.9
British Columbia	2,275.1	2,274.3	2,221.2	0.8	53.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.1	6.3	6.5	-0.2	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.6	14.6	15.8	0.0	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	11.8	14.0	12.9	-2.2	-1.1
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.3	8.5	0.3	0.1
New Brunswick	8.9	9.3	7.5	-0.4	1.4
Quebec	7.7	7.8	8.6	-0.1	-0.9
Ontario	6.1	6.5	6.4	-0.4	-0.3
Manitoba	4.5	4.1	4.6	0.4	-0.1
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.5	4.2	-0.2	0.1
Alberta	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
British Columbia	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Dec-Feb 2008	Nov-Jan 2008	Dec-Feb 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.0	6.8	7.5	1.2	0.5
Halifax	4.4	4.3	4.7	0.1	-0.3
Saint John	4.8	3.9	4.9	0.9	-0.1
Quebec	5.8	5.6	6.5	0.2	-0.7
Montreal	7.5	7.2	7.7	0.3	-0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.3	4.1	5.4	0.2	-1.1
Greater Sudbury	5.4	4.9	5.7	0.5	-0.3
Toronto	6.1	6.2	6.1	-0.1	0.0
Winnipeg	4.2	4.2	4.9	0.0	-0.7
Regina	3.9	4.2	4.3	-0.3	-0.4
Saskatoon	3.4	3.3	3.9	0.1	-0.5
Calgary	3.0	3.1	3.4	-0.1	-0.4
Edmonton	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Vancouver	3.7	3.7	4.1	0.0	-0.4
Victoria	3.3	3.0	2.9	0.3	0.4
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	151.3	151.0	149.3	0.3	2.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.9	53.1	54.3	-1.2	-2.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	162.2	163.8	160.4	-1.6	1.8
Yorkton-Melville	40.9	41.4	39.4	-0.5	1.5
Prince Albert & Northern	92.1	91.0	91.1	1.1	1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Dec-Feb 2008	Nov-Jan 2008	Dec-Feb 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	519.9	520.6	515.3	-0.7	4.6
Employed ('000)	497.8	499.6	493.1	-1.8	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	22.1	21.0	22.2	1.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	4.3	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.7	69.0	-0.3	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.5	65.9	66.0	-0.4	-0.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	481.7	482.2	476.9	-0.5	4.8
Employed ('000)	464.8	466.1	459.2	-1.3	5.6
Unemployed ('000)	16.9	16.1	17.8	0.8	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.3	3.7	0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.1	69.4	-0.2	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.8	66.8	-0.3	-0.3
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	38.2	38.4	38.4	-0.2	-0.2
Employed ('000)	33.0	33.5	33.9	-0.5	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	4.9	4.5	0.3	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.6	12.7	11.6	0.9	2.0
Participation Rate (%)	63.1	63.4	64.7	-0.3	-1.6
Employment Rate (%)	54.5	55.4	57.2	-0.9	-2.7
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	14.8	14.8	15.6	0.0	-0.8
Employed ('000)	12.1	12.5	13.5	-0.4	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.4	2.1	0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.7	16.0	13.7	2.7	5.0
Participation Rate (%)	54.1	54.2	58.1	-0.1	-4.0
Employment Rate (%)	44.0	45.5	50.1	-1.5	-6.1
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Labour Force ('000)	23.3	23.4	22.7	-0.1	0.6
Employed ('000)	20.9	20.9	20.4	0.0	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.5	2.3	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	10.7	10.1	-0.3	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	71.0	70.2	-0.5	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	63.2	63.4	63.1	-0.2	0.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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